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3 Palestinians die in Hebron riots



A Palestinian stonethrower hit by a rubber bullet lies in a Hebron street yesterday, still clutching a rock in his hand.

Two yeshiva students held in fatal shooting

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH, JON IMMANUEL, and news agencies

Three Palestinians were killed, and over 100 Palestinians and five IDF soldiers and border policemen were wounded, when fierce rioting broke out in Hebron yesterday after a yeshiva student shot two alleged attackers.

Some 100 Palestinians were treated at Hebron hospitals for rubber-bullet wounds and tear gas inhalation; all but seven had been released by last night.

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The clashes - the fiercest since January's redeployment agreement - raged for over five hours, with hundreds of rioters hurling rocks and firebombs at soldiers, who responded with tear gas and rubber bullets. Last night, an anxious calm hung over the city, with sporadic outbreaks of stone throwing at Beit Hadassah reported.

Unlike the staged, almost ritualistic riots in Hebron over several recent weekends, in which youths in Palestinian-controlled Hebron (H-1) were careful to keep their distance from soldiers in Israeli-controlled Hebron while hurling rocks, this time the rioting was in H-2 itself.

Stone-throwers got as close as possible to soldiers and Palestinian policemen were themselves stoned and wounded by rioters. Soldiers opened fire with rubber bullets from such close range that they caused fatal injuries, the first in Hebron since redeployment in January.

Others joined in. Palestinian photographer Hussam Abu Ala said he saw a settler "fire about 30 bullets from near Beit Hadassah toward Shallaha Street [H-1] before a soldier overpowered him."

In a positive sign, OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan praised the Palestinian Police for working with Israeli troops to control the situation. However, Palestinian policemen lost control over the rioters in Shallaha Street, where five soldiers and border policemen were wounded.

The Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza last night demanded the IDF and police use a firmer hand to combat what they view as a renewal of the intifada. Yesterday morning, the council submitted to the cabinet a list of 178 attacks against settlers in the past two weeks.

A spokesman for the Hebron Jewish community said it is out-

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Clinton says 'decent chance' talks will resume

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - "There is a fairly decent chance" that Israeli-Palestinian peace talks will resume, but it depends on the parties "taking responsibilities to take the risks for peace," US President Bill Clinton said yesterday.

"I want these parties to do what they have to do to get this process up and going again," Clinton told a press conference with Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien. Clinton said there are "clearly two preconditions" for the resumption of talks: "zero tolerance for terror [and] a genuine commitment to build confidence and to make progress and to do the things required by the Oslo agreement."

He also said that in their meeting Monday, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told him that he didn't agree with everything in the Oslo Accords, but that "he felt that the Israeli government is bound by it and he thought that he ought to honor it. And that's been his public statement, and I believe it remains his position."

The next steps in advancing the peace process will become clearer following upcoming discussions here with Palestinian Authority negotiators, US and Israeli officials said.

Meanwhile, House Speaker Newt Gingrich criticized the administration for placing equal burdens on Israel and the Palestinian Authority, with Palestinian commitments remaining unfulfilled. He further scored the US for being "too timid" in its dealings with the PA.

"How can the American government claim any possible sense of moral equality between a genuine democracy seeking peace at the risk of lives of its citizens, and a force which, after three years, has yet to renounce the destruction of Israel?" Gingrich said in a speech to the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

"There should be no question of any pressure on the Israeli government to make any concessions until Arafat has met the demands of three-and-a-half years ago in Oslo, and the burden should be placed by the American government on Arafat and the PA to keep the word they already gave."

PM calls for restraint

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu called for restraint following yesterday's violence in Hebron.

"We expect all sides to act to contain the violence and show restraint and responsibility," Netanyahu said last night. He stressed that it is important for Israeli and Palestinian security forces to cooperate fully in Hebron and elsewhere to reestablish calm, prevent terror, and get the peace process back on track.

"If we have another major terrorist attack, it could scuttle the entire peace process, and therefore the first thing that has to happen is to restore the policy of fighting terrorism in the Palestinian Authority."

Netanyahu, who returned from his lightning trip to Washington yesterday, is to leave again this evening

for a visit to Holland and Italy. He is due to return at noon Sunday.

He will be accompanied by his family and officials from the Prime Minister's Office.

In Holland, he is scheduled to meet Queen Beatrix, Prime Minister Wim Kok, and the chairmen of both houses of the Dutch parliament, and the parliamentary foreign affairs committees.

Netanyahu is also slated to meet leaders of the Dutch, Belgian, and Luxembourg Jewish communities.

Pope clears way for canonization of Jewish-born nun

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Pope John Paul II cleared the way yesterday for Edith Stein, a Jewish-born nun who was killed by the Nazis at Auschwitz, to become a saint of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Vatican announced that the pope approved a miracle attributed to her intercession, the final hurdle for her before canonization. John Paul beatified Sister Teresa, the name Stein took as a nun, during a trip to Germany in 1987.

No date was set for the canon-

ization, and details of the miracle attributed to her intercession were not immediately available.

Sister Teresa was killed in an Auschwitz gas chamber on August 9, 1942, two months before her 51st birthday.

Her beatification drew criticism from some Jews, who said the Nazis killed her because of her Jewish heritage, not because she later embraced Catholicism. She had become a nun in 1933.

Catholic leaders said she was sent to Auschwitz in retaliation for the outspoken anti-Nazi stand of Dutch bishops.

She had taken refuge in a Carmelite cloister in the Netherlands.

During her beatification, John Paul urged Christians and Jews to unite against all forms of anti-Semitism.

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On the brink of disaster

Hebron settlement leaders, prior to the redeployment in January, predicted that the city would convulse in violence, just not immediately. Yesterday's rioting left one wondering whether that time had come.

By the end of the day the answer was clear. Despite a grisly toll that included three Palestinian dead and over 100 injured, and six wounded Israelis, the city - by nightfall - was tense but calm. The calm was a sign that the feared cataclysmic clash had not yet taken place.

The rioting that followed the killing of a Palestinian who allegedly attacked two Shavei Hebron Yeshiva students ended some four hours after it started - when the Palestinian security forces took control, similar to a decision they made after the Noam Friedman shooting incident in January not to let Palestinian anger get out of hand.

For hours IDF soldiers stood on the boundary between the Israeli and Palestinian enclaves, being pelted by stones and petrol bombs, and responding with tear gas and rubber bullets. The clashes ended when Jabril Rajoub's special Rapid Intervention Forces, dressed in foreboding black uniforms, clamped down on the rioters.

The question is whether, in the current crisis atmosphere, this decision will be made again and again. If not Hebron is where the potential for catastrophe is the greatest.

By 2:00 p.m., most of the violence was over.

The attack on the yeshiva students took place on the road leading from Beit Hadassah to the Machpeha cave, in the part of the city under Israeli control. A curfew was clamped on the Israeli side immediately after the incident. So the rioting just erupted on another road a few hundred meters away, in the Palestinian part of the city.

About a dozen IDF soldiers stood at one corner on the Israeli side of the road, targets for rock-throwing Palestinian youths perched on a roof overhead or in nearby alleyways.

Across the street, maybe five meters away, stood the Palestinian policemen, not visibly armed. They kept youths from running close to the IDF positions and throwing their rocks.

OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan said there was coordination between the IDF and the Palestinian Police. This could be seen on the ground. At one point, the officer of a unit at the corner waved for his Palestinian counterpart to come across the road for a discussion.

The Palestinian officer did, darting across the street to avoid stray rocks that were still being thrown. By this time, the rocks were so commonplace that a few soldiers, deep in conversation on cellular phones, did not even look up to take note.

After a quick conversation in Arabic, the Palestinian officer went back across the street and instructed a couple of his men to go to the roof and silence the rock-throwers.

Throughout the confrontation, everyone seemed to be taking pictures. The press photographers, on the street in hard hats, were doing their job. The TIPH officers, also wearing helmets, were furiously filming on a video camera. And two IDF soldiers, in full battle regalia, were also equipped with cameras with telephoto lenses, and took pictures of the various meetings between IDF officers and the Palestinian Police, and Palestinian soldiers chasing away stone-throwers.

Amid the barrage of rocks, these soldiers looked - by the pictures they were taking - as if they were compiling an album on Israeli-Palestinian cooperation.

Soon after the decision was made to build on Har Homa, the catalyst to the recent violence,



A soldier wounded in the hand is evacuated from a Hebron street clash yesterday. (Byran McBurney)

Fatah head Marwan Barghouti was reported to have said: "I don't think that stones are violence." The incidents of the last two days - the shooting of two Palestinians in Harbata by a Dolev man who said he came under a barrage of stones, and the rioting in Hebron apparently triggered by rocks and either tear gas or acid sprayed on the yeshiva students - shows the absurdity of Barghouti's words.

It starts with rocks. It ends with three dead and over 100 injured.

Dolev outraged over settler's arrest

By MARGOT DUKKEVITCH

Dolev residents deplored the arrest and subsequent removal hearing this morning of Yossi Levy, who fired shots at Palestinian stone throwers in Harbata on Monday, wounding one seriously.

According to Adi Mintz, Dolev spokesman and chairman of the Forum of Settlements in the Biyamin Region, Levy, 44, a father of five, who served as an officer in a combat unit, is considered to be a serious member of the community, and was clearly acting in self-defense.

In a radio interview on Arutz 7, Levy's wife Haya said her husband returned home and only realized he had wounded someone after hearing it on the radio. He immediately decided to turn himself in.

"He told me that he had encountered stone-throwers and, fearing for his life, fired shots," she said, adding that he told her he didn't see anyone wounded or falling to the ground.

Levy immediately contacted the regional security post who told him to contact the police.

Levy told the police he would drive to the station and turn himself in, but asked to speak with his lawyer beforehand.

Yesterday afternoon, "he packed a bag and drove to the police station," she said.

She added that reports stating that information from the Palestinian Police enabled the police to track him down are false. "This is not about Yossi Levy's private war, but because he is a Jew," she said.

"In the past we encountered sporadic stone throwing, usually involving children," said Mintz. "Today we encounter organized ambushes involving adults. It is obvious someone is giving them orders; everything is too well organized."

Residents of Dolev are forced to use village roads in Area B, said Mintz, as there is no proper bypass road in the area.

"We are constantly stoned on the Harbata bypass road," he said, adding that residents prefer to travel through Harbata instead.

Residents travelling to Tel Aviv drive through Harbata, and those travelling to Jerusalem, said Mintz, "drive through Ein Arif and Beituniya. "Any other route would add hours to any journey," he said.

The problem, he said, would only be solved when a proper bypass road is built around the Arab villages in the area.

"It is obvious that the Palestinian villages surrounding our community feel threatened by us, as our community is expanding and they fear the growing Jewish majority that surrounds them," he said.

An international mayoral J'lem meet - without politics

By ELLI WOHL-GELERWITZ

It's hard to imagine an international conference of mayors taking place in Jerusalem that does not involve politics, but that's what's happening this week. Fifty-five mayors from six continents are gathered to hear how others cope with the same problems they face.

"Your problems are very big ones, mine are very small ones," said Meli Vakarewakobau, mayor of Suva, Fiji. "But overall they are the same - traffic, collecting garbage, the water and sewer system."

The mayors are here as part of the 17th Jerusalem Conference of Mayors.

One of the issues facing all the mayors is how to keep different ethnic groups distinct while at the same time attempting to blend a melting pot of harmony.

"There's far more diversity than I had anticipated," said Carolyn Allen, mayor of Greensboro, North Carolina. "Liege in Belgium has over 100 different nationalities in that one town."

Her town, Allen said, is "principally white and Afro-American, but the fastest growing segment is Spanish. We have a good many Cambodians and Vietnamese, many of whom have come in through the assistance of church groups, as well as a Chinese-American association and native Americans."

One mayor from Africa said the conference participants, and Jerusalem as host, should help "teach those of us from Africa; so that we can develop from your planning system, [like] how you build roads. We don't have roads this size; we need to know this, so that whatever mistakes Jerusalem made, we don't repeat them."

Jean-Marie Dehousse, the

mayor of Liege, said that despite the difference in populations among the cities, the contrasts are much narrower than they appear. "There are, surprisingly enough, more similarities than differences in the problems that we are all dealing with."

The key, he said, is getting to know more about one another. "As Jefferson said: We should know each other better so we can understand each other better."

For most of the mayors it was their first visit, so it was all a learning experience about Israel. "There seems to be a much more link between the central government and the municipal government," said Vakarewakobau. "In Fiji, they are completely separate. The only times we get into the central government is when we are looking for funds for specific projects. Here, the mayor [of Jerusalem] is a member of parliament, which struck me as rather unusual."

One area where there seemed to be little concern was for the participants' physical safety, despite what these mayors had heard and read in the news.

Vakarewakobau said that when he "told some of my friends in Fiji that I was coming to Jerusalem, they said: 'You better watch out for those stones; they seem to like throwing those stones.' But I'm not concerned at all."

Allen said that when she told a friend that she was coming here, she was told: "Both Palestinians and Israelis need American friends, so we'd be taken care of. I felt it would be safe."

What did surprise a couple of mayors was the cool weather. "I thought it was always warm," said Walter Fitzgerald, mayor of Halifax, Nova Scotia, adding that he also didn't realize palm trees grow in Jerusalem.

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in brief

Har-Shefi trial delayed

Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge Nira Lidsky yesterday agreed to a request by Yosef Alon, who has agreed to represent Margalit Har-Shefi, that she be given until April 20 to enter a plea. Har-Shefi is charged with knowing that Yigal Amir intended to murder prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and doing nothing to prevent it. Alon told the court that six other attorneys had declined to represent Har-Shefi.

Teacher remanded for indecent acts

Melvin Salomon, a teacher in a Kfar Shmaryahu school, was remanded by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on suspicion of committing indecent acts on 11-year-olds over the past few months. Salomon, 25, of Shefayim, has since left the school and cut off all contact with the girls, his attorney said, adding that his client has denied all allegations. The lawyer said the suspicions may be the result of "inadvertent acts" while Salomon taught the girls exercise. However, the judge said the allegations referred to acts that occurred during English lessons.

Peres: Tango holds key to peace process

The tango could offer some inspiration for the Middle East peace process, Labor Chairman Shimon Peres said in Buenos Aires yesterday. "In Argentina, the home of tango, you know that in order to dance well you have to close your eyes and let the romance begin," Peres, on a three-day visit, told reporters Monday. "Peace is a romantic process, not a mechanical one." Peres described the Middle East peace process as being "in a crisis, but not in danger." Peres is scheduled to meet with President Carlos Menem, political leaders and members of Argentina's 250,000-strong Jewish community, Latin America's largest, during his visit.

Car of gunman investigator's son set ablaze

A car belonging to the son of the chief investigator in the case of Ahmed Daqansh, an army soldier who gunned down seven Israeli schoolgirls last month, was set ablaze early yesterday, security officials said in Amman yesterday. No one was injured. The officials said the car was set on fire at 3:30 a.m. while parked outside the Amman house of the investigator, Mohammed Rasoul Kilani. It belonged to his son Abdul-Rahim. "Investigations are under way to find out the motive and the identity of the perpetrators," one of the security officials said. Kilani, a retired army general, and members of his family declined to comment.

Pessah exodus begins

The Pessah exodus began yesterday according to El Al, which expects to fly some 128,000 people before the beginning of the holiday, company spokesman Nachman Klieman said yesterday. The company is adding some 30 flights to popular destinations and has scheduled some 50 flights to destinations in North America, including a direct flight to Orlando. Airports Authority spokeswoman Sara Erez said that the authority has not drawn up a forecast for the entire holiday season. So far, the busiest days in the near future will be tomorrow and Sunday, which each have 200 flights, she said. The authority expects about 30,000 people to pass through the airport tomorrow and about 35,000 on Sunday.

HU students to celebrate Pessah in Ukraine

Twenty-six North Americans studying at the Hebrew University's Rothberg School for Overseas Students will be helping lead Pessah celebrations throughout Ukraine. They are participating in a special UJA-Hillel Pessah project in which they attended a course, "The History of the Jews in the Former Soviet Union and After, 1917 to the Present," in preparation for their trip.

Showing 'Crash' justified to High Court

The Film Censorship Board and Forum Film Inc. yesterday presented the High Court with their response to a petition, filed by the National Council for the Prevention of Traffic Accidents, seeking to prevent the screening of the film 'Crash'. The respondents argued that the petition is without substance, and said that the board's decision the film could be shown is rooted in the value the nation's laws place on free speech.

Public-sector sanctions continue

By DAVID HARRIS, JUDY SEGEL, and HAIM SHAPIRO

Government employees held work stoppages yesterday and threatened more interruptions on Sunday unless their demands are met. Meanwhile, doctors at Jerusalem's two Hadassah-University hospitals stepped up sanctions and a strike at Kupat Holim Clalit is to enter its third day. Some 10,000 workers at 15 ministries held a series of stoppages and scaled down services to the public, to protest against the Treasury's refusal to reconsider the pay agreement signed last year. The Foreign, Defense, and Labor and Social Affairs ministries were not affected. Last summer the Treasury and work force reached an agreement that added a monthly NIS 205, three-quarters of which became payable in July and the remainder this January. The agreement added

some NIS 50 million to the public payroll. As part of the agreement, from this month the additional payment was to be transferred from a shekel-basis to a percentage of the wage. However, according to Wages and Labor Agreements director Yossi Kucik, the workers representatives have made new demands, which would add a further NIS 5m. "I am not prepared to meet these demands, but am happy to transfer from the shekel-linkage to a percentage basis," said Kucik. It is still unclear how the issue will be resolved, but Kucik admitted it is quite likely the National Labor Court will have to intervene. According to Michael Levine, head of the Transport Ministry union, the issue is related to the fact that many government workers enjoy a percentile increment to their wages, while others do not. The increments range from a high of 30 percent for income-tax offi-

cials to 7.5 percent at the Labor Ministry. Foreign Ministry workers get an additional 12 percent and employees of the rabbinical courts an added 22 percent. Those not enjoying the additional payments include employees of the ministries of Transport, Housing, Interior, Tourism, Absorption, Industry and Trade, Finance, Environment, Agriculture, the Prime Minister's Office, and the Israel Lands Administration. Levine said yesterday that if the Treasury does not accede to the workers' demands, they would step up their action next week. In Jerusalem, all Hadassah-University Hospital staff on the faculty of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School will stop teaching from today until further notice. In addition, 900 Hadassah doctors said they would institute "go-slow" action in the emergency rooms of the Mt. Scopus and Ein Kerem hospitals

today and tomorrow will shut down all outpatient clinics, including the Sharap (private) clinics. The doctors are protesting against what they called "the unilateral cancellation by Hadassah Medical Organization management of the labor agreement in order to implement a recovery program proposed by the government." Their one-day general warning strike was to end this morning at 7. The doctors are objecting to management's intentions to implement a four-year recovery program to overcome HMO's NIS 187 million deficit. Scores of non-emergency operations were cancelled, diagnostic institutes and outpatient clinics were closed, and fewer doctors were on the wards. Few patients came to the clinics, as they had been informed by the news media of the strike. No negotiations have been scheduled, but HMO director Prof.

Shmuel Penchas warned the medical staff that non-cooperation with management would only harm their workplace. Despite the labor unrest in the hospitals, the three top people in the Health Ministry are abroad: Minister Yehoshua Matza and associate director-general Dr. Boaz Lev are in China for the last part of a working visit, and director-general Prof. Gabi Barabash is in the US. The strike by Kupat Holim Clalit administrative and maintenance workers will go into its third day today unless efforts begun last night by Histadrut chairman MK Amir Peretz bear fruit. The strike, which encompasses 8,000 workers and has put a Shabbat and holiday schedule into effect, has reduced cleaning, reception, laundry and other services. The workers are protesting against management's failure to implement a wage and salary-scale agreement signed in 1993.

Tnuva, SPNI dance with Golan wolves

By LIAT COLLINS

"Born to be Wild," a wildlife protection program, was launched yesterday with a joint tour on the Golan Heights by its sponsors, Tnuva and the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, with the help of GitambDO and the Nature Reserves Authority. The program, the idea of GitambDO managing director Moshe Teomin, aims at a long-term partnership between Tnuva and "Born to be Wild" as a non-commercial wildlife protection scheme. The plan calls for a NIS 1 million investment in 1997 for a project protecting wolves: establishing a hospital for wildlife; and a countrywide educational program to explain the importance of saving endangered species. The first stage aims at helping prevent the extinction of the gray wolf, a subspecies found only on the Golan Heights. The current population stands at between 40 and 50 wolves.



Dalik Wolinitz (left) and Orly Yaniv get acquainted with two wolf cubs during the kickoff yesterday on the Golan Heights of a wildlife protection project.

NRA zoologist Dr. Tamar Ron emphasized the international concern at the threat to the subspecies unique to this area. "Not everybody is thrilled at the prospect of the wolf population growing larger, however. Yesterday's visit included meetings with cattle breeders on the Golan Heights who blame the predators for attacking hundreds of heads of cattle, sheep and goats a year. "Born to be Wild" hopes to create a means of peaceful coexistence between the cowboys and the wolves, said SPNI director Eitan Gedalizon. A detailed study is being made of the wolf population, its habits and territory. The wolves are being fitted with collars carrying transmitters to monitor their movements and warn herders of when they are in the area. Eventually the plan calls for an alarm system in 10 cattle ranches which would be automatically triggered off by a device fitted to the transmitters. A public body including both nature protection specialists and celebrities will supervise the project. Yesterday's gathering got television stars Orly Yaniv and Dalik Wolinitz and his son, Tom, off-screen and into the hills to dance with the wolves.

Pessah cleaning alert: Household chemicals should be kept far from children's reach

The current pre-Pessah cleaning period is the most dangerous to small children, when cleaning materials left unsupervised lead to the largest number of poisoning incidents of any time of the year. In addition, those who clean house should never mix two types

of chemicals together, as they can give off noxious fumes and cause severe burns to the respiratory and digestive systems. Among the symptoms of inhaling or swallowing chemicals are severe coughing, shortness of breath, a burning sensation in the chest, pain in the throat, nausea, vomiting and headache. Inhalation of chemicals can cause serious damage even 12 hours after exposure. The active ingredients in the chemicals can cause the lung tissue to break down; if caustic soda or other harsh chemicals are swallowed, it can destroy the stomach lining. In the event of chemical poisoning, remove the victim from the area and ventilate the room. If the

chemicals have soaked into his clothing, remove them and wash the victim in water. Call an ambulance or go immediately to the emergency room for help, bringing the containers of chemicals involved with you. Use only those cleaning materials that meet Israeli standards and have labels detailing what they contain and their concentration. Keep your distance from the chemical while pouring it to prevent drops from reaching the eyes and mouth. It is preferable to wear rubber gloves while using the materials. Never leave chemicals or even a bucket with water near a baby or small child. Don't store cleaning materials near food or in an unlabeled container.

Inquiry: Air force used wrong helicopter data for 20 years

For the past 20 years the air force has been using the wrong control settings in its Bell-212 helicopters, due to a failure to understand the manufacturer's instructions. This fact emerged yesterday in the report of an inquiry into the December 1994 crash of one of the helicopters, in which two airmen were killed. The findings were broadcast by Israel Radio reporter Carmela Menashe. The pilot, Capt. Shmuel Ben-Gershon, and flight mechanic, Sgt.-Maj. Moshe Cohen were killed in the crash, which was not reported as a helicopter mishap at the time by the IDF Spokesman, but as an "accident caused by a mechanical failure in the equipment they were using." The board of inquiry found that, during all the years of maintenance, "the steering adjustment

was not performed, due to a misunderstanding of the manufacturer's instructions; because a table of settings was used that was not appropriate for air force helicopters or their missions." The inquiry also found that the helicopter crashed during a nighttime test flight - banned by regulations - of its cargo-lifting capability. The helicopter went out of control and crashed while trying to winch up a weight of some 600 pounds; "a weight that had been found in a 1988 trial to exceed the specifications of the helicopter." The "1988 trial" referred to a near accident involving the same type of helicopter, after which the winching limit was supposed to be 375 pounds. However, the inquiry noted, this finding was never distributed among the pilots.

Mordechai meets with reserve pilots

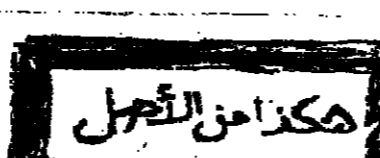
Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai told a group of reserve helicopter pilots yesterday who came to him seeking support amid an ever-growing anti-Air Force sentiment in the public in light of aircraft crashes that the Air Force needed to "rally behind the difficult truth." The two-hour meeting also included Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin Shahak and OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Mordechai. According to the Defense Ministry, the pilots told Mordechai they felt the negative public attitude was likely to pre-empting operation actions. Mordechai assured them that the role of the Air Force was still appreciated in the public and that it was central to the defense of the state.

Archie O'Sullivan

The Ministry of Science SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND FRANCE CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS IN COGNITIVE AND NEUROSCIENCES The Israeli Ministry of Science, within the framework of the scientific and technological cooperation agreement between the governments of Israel and France, announces a call for proposals for joint French-Israeli research projects in the following fields: Brain Development, Neurogenetics, Physiology of Neural Systems, including Neuroendocrinology, Mechanism of Learning, Memory and Attention, Neuropsychopharmacology, Psychophysics, Computational Neurosciences. All application materials must be received in the offices of the Ministry of Science (Israel) and AFIRST (France), no later than June 30, 1997. Detailed guidelines for preparing research proposals and budget details may be obtained from the research authorities of the universities and research institutes in Israel and from the Ministry of Science. Applications should be submitted on the appropriate form, in ten copies, to both: Ministry of Science, Research Funds Division, Bldg 3, Hakirya Hamizrahait, POB 18195, Jerusalem 91181. AFIRST, 28 Rue Saint Dominique, 75007 Paris. For information on professional aspects: Dr. Shlomo Sarig, Director, Biomedical Research, Life Sciences Division Tel. 02-584-7062, E-mail: Shlomo@most.gov.il For information on general and financial matters: Avi Anat, Director, Research Funds Tel. 02-584-7057, Fax. 02-582-3030, E-mail: avi@most.gov.il Silma Gielchinsky, Division for International Scientific Relations Tel. 02-581-2769, Fax. 02-582-5725, E-mail: silma@most.gov.il

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Non-Aligned seek bigger UN council

NEW DELHI (Reuters) — Foreign ministers of more than 100 nations of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) said yesterday that the UN Security Council should not discriminate between rich and poor countries.

At the end of a two-day meeting panel also called for a special session of the UN General Assembly on the Middle East, which figured prominently at Monday's opening ceremony by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. (Story, Page 12)

"There shall be no partial or selective expansion or enlargement of the membership of the Security Council to the detriment of developing countries," the ministers said in a special declaration on UN reforms.

"Attempts to exclude NAM from any enlargement would be unacceptable to the movement," Indian Foreign Minister Inder Kumar Gujral told a news conference after the meeting.

The ministers also sought to eliminate the veto power of the permanent members of the council — the United States, Britain, France, China and Russia — as part of the move to reform the United Nations.

An Indian diplomat said the wording was aimed at discouraging a pending proposal from the General Assembly president, Razali Ismail, that could see

Japan and Germany included as permanent members in an expanded Security Council.

The proposal, made earlier this year in New York, aims to complete a restructuring of the council by next February.

The meeting of the 113-nation Non-Aligned Movement, widely considered irrelevant by critics after the end of the Cold War, received a boost from UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who backed efforts for UN reforms in the inauguration he attended.

The ministers yesterday adopted a special declaration calling members to freeze ties at the current level with Israel. But officials said the nations were free to express their reservations and were not bound to freeze ties.

The ministers adopted a 100-page document called the New Delhi Declaration that spoke for developing countries' interests on a number of economic, political and environmental concerns.

"The ministers called on the Conference on Disarmament to establish, on priority, an ad-hoc committee to start negotiations on a phased program for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons within a specific framework of time, including a Nuclear Weapons Convention," the declaration said.

Zaire's rebels make gains

By DONNA BRYSON

KINSHASA (AP) — Rebel forces were within a few kilometers of Zaire's second largest city Lubumbashi yesterday, and the government predicted its fall within hours as residents huddled inside for safety.

"Everyone is afraid, everyone is staying in their homes," said Dr. Makwenge Kaput, a Lubumbashi resident reached by telephone from the capital, Kinshasa, 1,500 km away.

Makwenge, a health officer for the state-owned mining company Gecamines, said the sounds of fighting had been growing nearer since Monday, the same day several government army officers briefly took over the state radio station there and urged soldiers to join Laurent Desire Kabila's rebel army.

The officers were arrested, and defense ministry spokesman Leon Kalima said the southeastern city remained in government

hands early yesterday, but state radio's prediction of its imminent fall indicated the seriousness of the rebel threat.

The Voice of Zaire in Kinshasa said the fall was expected in "a matter of hours." Usually, Zaire's government has denied its battlefield losses until Kabila's rebel army has marched into a city and taken over state radio.

The New York Times reported yesterday that some government soldiers had joined the rebels and that mortar fire could be heard around the city's international airport.

Lubumbashi is the capital of the mineral-rich Shaba region, whose cobalt and copper — along with the diamonds from Mbuji-Mayi, which fell Friday — form the basis of Zaire's wealth.

With peace talks in South Africa apparently stalled, Kabila shows no signs of slowing his sweep through eastern Zaire.

Accompanied by foreign diamond-mining

executives, Kabila flew to Mbuji-Mayi to survey the latest victory in his six-month battle to unseat Zairian President Mobutu Sese Seko.

Kabila headed for the luxurious presidential residence known as "Villa Mobutu" to seal his hold on the city.

Mobutu, who has ruled Zaire through iron will and political guile since 1965, established residences in most of Zaire's major cities, although he seldom traveled in the country.

There were few signs of fighting in Mbuji-Mayi. Residents said some people had been killed resisting the Zairian army looters.

Dancing through the streets and waving banners through hundreds of supporters of Etienne Tshisekedi, whom Mobutu reluctantly appointed as prime minister last week under pressure from the opposition.

"We want Mobutu out," said Joseph Kasende, a 30-year-old taxi driver. "We are very happy to see Kabila."

Since the early 1990s, Mbuji-Mayi, the capital of Eastern Kasai region, has been functioning as a nearly autonomous territory. After Mobutu tried to curb rampant inflation by issuing new banknotes, authorities there refused to accept them and kept using the old ones.

Diamond mining and trading are the backbone of Mbuji-Mayi's economy. Retreating Zairian troops did loot and pillage as they left in advance of the rebels, it appeared that business would soon get back to normal once the traders — most of them Lebanese — returned.

"Soldiers came and shot in the air," said Faustin Kanda, an employee at a diamond-trading firm. The soldiers shot out a front window.

"But they didn't get any diamonds because the boss left with them a week ago. He'll be back in a month."

Yeltsin lashes out at gov't officials

MOSCOW (AP) — In what has become a trademark routine, President Boris Yeltsin chewed out his prime minister in front of television cameras yesterday, demanding solutions to the country's wage and pension crisis.

"First of all I would like to hear your answers to the questions about the wage situation and, secondly, tax collection," Yeltsin told Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, shown sitting gloomily across a table in the president's Kremlin office.

"I have information that only 42 percent of the planned amount of taxes were collected in March," he said sternly.

In recent weeks, Yeltsin has taken to publicly reproaching top officials, denouncing their control over the government and directing the blame towards his subordinates.

Six weeks ago, he dished down Chernomyrdin over the same problems, which led to a cabinet shakeup, but there has been little apparent improvement on key issues including tax collection.

Yeltsin, who has ruled Russian

since the Soviet collapse in 1991, has spared himself from blame for the economic crisis, which has left millions of Russians scraping to get by on homegrown food and second jobs. Health problems, including heart surgery, kept him largely absent from public life for about eight months after he was re-elected last July.

Yesterday Yeltsin repeated demands that the government finish work soon on new tax legislation that would streamline the nation's convoluted tax system, reducing evasion and improving collection.

The Russian government is trapped in a cycle of uncollected taxes and unpaid bills, owing trillions of rubles (billions of dollars) in wage debts to millions of workers nationwide. Some 2 million took part in a nationwide protest against the government last month.

In the first quarter of this year, the government raised only 48 percent of projected budget revenues and will have to cut spending correspondingly, the business daily *Kommersant* said yesterday.



Boris Yeltsin



A monumental task: A worker steam cleans the statue of Abraham Lincoln inside the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC yesterday. The monument, one of Washington's main tourist attractions, is cleaned annually to combat the effects of pollution and grime. (Reuters)

French police nab freed 'Serpent'

PARIS (AP) — The man known as the Serpent, who for decades evaded charges of drugging, robbing and murdering more than a dozen tourists in Asia, stepped off a plane hoping to find freedom yesterday.

Instead, Charles Sobhraj was met by French police investigating his sordid past.

Deported from India after serving 21 years in prison for theft, Sobhraj was taken into custody after arriving at Charles de Gaulle airport after arriving on an overnight flight from New Delhi.

Sobhraj has earned the nickname "the Serpent" for his talent at disguise, escapes, and media manipulation.

His French lawyer Jacques Verges, known for defending other notorious figures, waited more than a half hour with a mob of reporters at the airport before he found out Sobhraj was detained.

"We are in an absolutely grotesque situation," he said angrily. Predicting his client would eventually be released, he said the detention "shows the government's weakness." At first, police sources said the 52-year-old Sobhraj would be detained for "a few hours" while his status — both in terms of his nationality and in terms of any records of past crimes — was investigated.

But the questioning dragged on into the afternoon, with judicial source saying a French national filed a complaint yesterday that Sobhraj allegedly tried to poison him or her more than 20 years ago.

Police opened a preliminary investigation into the complaint, and a court in Bobigny, a northern Paris suburb, questioned him yesterday afternoon.

Officials said earlier that the statute of limitations had run out on the allegation.

Sobhraj was born in Vietnam when it was ruled by France. He says he is a French national, a claim authorities have been investigating.

Last Friday, the French Embassy in New Delhi issued Sobhraj a travel permit to come to France after weeks of wrangling over his status, during which he was stranded at a police station.

Greece, Italy squabble over Albania

ATHENS (AP) — One of Greece's biggest holidays celebrates the anniversary of the war it fought and won against Italy in Albania at the start of World War II.

With Italy now planning to lead its first military mission in more than a half century, Greece and its neighbor across the Adriatic Sea once again find themselves in the trenches over the impoverished Balkan nation.

Bickering between the two NATO allies has focused on where each country will send its troops, but the squabble has larger political and economic implications. Which of Albania's two largest trading partners will exert the most influence there in coming months and years? "I wouldn't talk about a Greek-Italian crisis. I would say there is an ongoing discussion," said government spokesman Nikos Athanasiakos.

Greek media have not been as diplomatic, with headlines recalling Oct. 28, 1940, the day Italy declared war on Greece and invaded the country through Albania. In a horrific winter battle, outnumbered Greek troops pushed back the Italian army to the Albanian port of Vlorë.

"New epic over Albania. Italy fighting us over where forces will go," roared the normally staid Athens daily *Eleftherotypia*.

Italy plans to command the 6,000-member force and contribute about a third of the troops to protect humanitarian shipments and try to restore order in lawless Albania.

Greece plans to send a reinforced mechanized battalion of 700 soldiers, which Italy yesterday said could go to Tirana and tentatively to Vlorë.

Defense Minister Akis Tsochadzopoulos also told the

Italians that Greece was ready to double the number of promised troops for a countrywide deployment.

France plans to send about 1,000 troops. Austria, Denmark, France, Romania, Spain and Turkey also have pledged soldiers.

"This is a very dangerous situation and it should not serve as an opportunity for competition. This is what Italy is trying to do," said Christos Papoutsis, Greece's European Union Energy Commissioner.

Both Athens and Rome want to prevent thousands of refugees from swarming into their countries. More than 12,000 have already fled to Italy. Greece is home to more than 200,000 illegal Albanian immigrants — many from the country's ethnic Greek minority.

Premier Costas Simitis last week told his Albanian counterpart, Prime Minister Bashkim Fino, that Greece was not interested in creating a zone of influence in Albania "to compete over influence with other countries." He made the statement a few hours after Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi flew to the southern Albanian town of Gjirokastra to meet Fino.

The Prodi trip was seen by some Greek officials as an attempt to detract attention from the importance of Fino's visit to Athens. Greece's diplomatic role was enhanced as Italy's position soured following the March 28 collision of an Italian warship and a vessel carrying fleeing Albanians.

Singer reunited with daughter she gave up

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Folk singer Joni Mitchell admits she took a gamble when she gave up her two-month-old daughter for adoption in the 1960s.

A 20-year-old unwed art student at the time, Mitchell says she wasn't ready for motherhood.

"An unhappy mother does not raise a happy child," Mitchell was quoted as saying yesterday in the *Los Angeles Times*.

Mitchell was reunited earlier this month with the daughter she gave up for adoption 32 years ago, Kilauea Gibb and her 4-year-old son, Martin, recently visited the singer in Los Angeles.

Mitchell said she doesn't remember much about the adoption process.

"I don't remember any of this. I blocked it all away." The 53-year-old singer recalled the hardships of being poor, pregnant and unmarried in the 1960s in Canada.

"The main thing at the time was to conceal it, the scandal was so intense. A daughter could do nothing more disgraceful. It ruined you in a social sense. You have no idea what the stigma was. It was like you murdered somebody."

Mitchell, raised in Saskatchewan, Canada, had the child with Brad McManis, a Toronto photographer, in 1965, said Mitchell's father, Bill Anderson. The girl's birth name was Kelly Dale Anderson.

The singer rushed into marrying musician Chuck Mitchell to try to raise the girl with a father, but the marriage lasted only two months.

About three years after putting her daughter up for adoption, Mitchell's singing career took off. In 1968, she released her first recording, *Song to a Seagull*. Mitchell had unsuccessfully searched for her daughter for years.

Gibb didn't find out she was adopted until she was 27. About five years ago retired teachers

David and Ida Gibb told their daughter she was adopted.

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ISRAELI SHARES IN NEW YORK

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TASE ROUNDUP

Weak shekel lifts shares

Mishtanim 256.50 ▲ 0.64% Maof 265.27 ▲ 0.53%

By ROBERT DANIEL

Stocks rose yesterday on the weakening shekel, recent economic statistics and the rise in New York Monday of major Israeli issues, analysts said.

Stocks were led by Tava

Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., up 1.25 percent to NIS 191.32, Koor Industries Ltd., up 1.5% to NIS 316.06, Clal Electronics Industries Ltd., up 3.25% to NIS 366.57, developer Azorim, up 1.5% to NIS 42.38, and Electra Consumer Products Ltd., up 5.5% to NIS 20.98.

The Mishtanim index of the 100 most-traded stocks rose 0.64% to 256.5.

The Maof index of the 25 most-traded shares added 0.53% to 265.27. Bank Hapoalim was the most-active stock, rising 0.75% on NIS 7.5m. of shares traded.

Other gainers included defense-contractor Elbit Systems Ltd., Nice climbing 3% to NIS 29.55, Nice Systems Ltd., a producer of digital voice-logging systems, gained 2% to 79.41. (Bloomberg)

Key Representative Rates

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WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

European shares consolidate as dollar below peak

LONDON (Reuters) - The dollar consolidated its recent gains yesterday while key European stock markets, which saw a lively rebound on Monday, paused as Wall Street eased a little on profit-taking.

The US currency touched a 56-month peak above 126 yen and five-week highs just short of 1.72 marks, although it had eased back somewhat by the end of the European trading day.

Currency market analysts and traders said the dollar had been due for a correction after recent gains but was likely to be recharging for a further advance since economic fundamentals were clearly in its favor.

There's been some profit-taking but every time the dollar's pushed lower, there's been solid buying," said Isao Kaneko, senior dealer at Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank in London.

Prospects for higher US interest rates and the start of Japan's new fiscal year, when new investment decisions are made, are helping to boost the dollar against the yen.

Increasing odds in favor of a single euro currency being launched on time have also helped to depress the mark at the expense of the dollar, analysts said.

On Wall Street the Dow Jones industrial average was down around nine points, or 0.14 percent, by the close.

time the last European market closed, as investors took profits and bonds also weakened.

A two-day rally on the London stock market, Europe's biggest, ran out of steam and it ended fractionally lower as worries over the New York market's volatility and higher interest rates sapped investors' appetites.

Dealers said the potential for more share price gains in London was limited as concern over leading rates, the strength of the pound and the British election on May 1 sent buyers to the sidelines.

Frankfurt's DAX index ended lower but rose up half a percent but was below levels seen in after-hours trading on Monday. It slipped further in post-bourse computerized business.

Traders said German shares passed for breath after Monday's 3% surge, and they were waiting for the market to consolidate before pushing prices higher.

There was no impetus for further progress, despite the dollar's climb above 1.71 marks, good news for exporters.

French shares, drawing support from the dollar, edged higher, but traders said the bourse missed the volume needed to score significant gains.

NYSE STOCKS

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WALL STREET REPORT

Dow gains 53 points

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks romped ahead for the third straight session yesterday, clawing back on bargain hunting after last week's rout amid another rally in technology shares, including pacesetter International Business Machines Corp.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average closed up 53.25 points at 6,609.16, having so far regained more than 130 points from last week's sell-off of 215 points.

In the broader market, advancing issues led declines by a small margin on moderate volume of 451 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

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Estonia's Eri Klas leads the JSO.

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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NEWS

in brief

Parole board to reconsider case of Arouj

The Northern District parole board will reconsider the case of senior Hamas activist Mustafa Arouj, after it was instructed to do so by the High Court of Justice, while taking into consideration a new indictment filed against Arouj.

The court was responding to a petition by Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein against the board's approval of an early release of Arouj, sentenced to five years in prison. Rubinstein argued that Arouj's release would endanger lives. He also pointed out that Arouj had attacked another prisoner he suspected of being a collaborator and an indictment had been filed against him for this offense.

Hanegbi drafts law on money laundering

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi yesterday instructed his office to distribute a copy of draft legislation banning money laundering law to all ministries and judges and to academics, in order to get their input. The draft relates to capital originating in serious criminal activity, such as drug dealing and other areas, which is then put into the legitimate financial system.

MDA wants athletes trained in CPR

Magen David Adom recommended yesterday that the Israel Football Association train all its athletes and staff in basic resuscitation and that ambulances be stationed at every playing field during matches. MDA made the suggestions to the IFA as a result of the death of Hapoel Taiba soccer player Wahib Jbara during a game last week. MDA said this could help prevent additional tragic deaths.

Social democrats convene here

Some 80 delegates of socialist and social democratic parties in Europe will take part in tonight's opening of a three-day convention in Shefayim on "Social Democracy Toward the 21st Century." Organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, it will be attended by delegates from Germany, France, Holland, Britain, Sweden, and Israel. Former French prime minister Michel Rocard and Labor Party secretary-general Nissim Zivili will address the opening in Tel Aviv.

Russia offered Israel underwater reactor

Russia once proposed selling Israel a nuclear reactor - to be housed in a submarine in the Dead Sea, according to Prof. Yevgeny Volkhov, president of the Russian Academy of Science. Volkhov revealed this information this week to a visiting delegation from the Dead Sea Works.

He also told the delegates that in 1991 former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev personally approved selling Israel the know-how for a magnesium plant on the Dead Sea.

Volkhov is to arrive next week with a delegation of 55 senior scientists and industrialists for the dedication of the Sodium magnesium plant on April 17.

Winning numbers and cards

The winning numbers in last night's Lotto draw were 2, 8, 21, 27, 35 and 42. The additional number was 13. In the Mifal Hapayis daily Chance draw, the winning cards were the ace of spades, 10 of hearts, king of diamonds and

Non-aligned ask for special UN session on Mideast

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) yesterday, called for an emergency session of the UN General Assembly to demand that Israel stop construction of the Har Homa Jewish housing project in eastern Jerusalem and all other settlement activities.

The 113-member organization said in a special statement that UN member states should impose an economic boycott on Israeli companies or agencies operating in "occupied Palestinian territories" and whose activities violate UN resolutions.

The statement said "the General Assembly should convene in an emergency special session" to demand the immediate cessation of a Jewish settlement on Jerusalem's Jabal Abu Ghneim (Har Homa) and "all other Israeli settlement activities."

NAM said UN member states "should prevent assistance being provided by their gov-

ernmental agencies and nationals to, and the conduct of trade and financial dealings with, Israeli commercial, private or public establishments involved in activities in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem" that are contrary to Security Council resolutions.

NAM adopted the resolution a day after Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat addressed his two-day meeting of foreign ministers, accusing Israel of declaring war on the Middle East peace process.

Meanwhile, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said yesterday his country was willing to mediate to break the deadlock in the Middle East peace process if Israel put further settlements in Palestinian territory on hold.

"Egypt always plays a role in encouraging the peace process, brings together parties and is ready to continue this role but it will be

within the framework of the Madrid principles," Moussa told Reuters in an interview in the Indian capital.

"Any mediation should be based on the Israelis putting a hold on their policy of settlements. There can be no compromise on this," said Moussa, visiting India for a meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

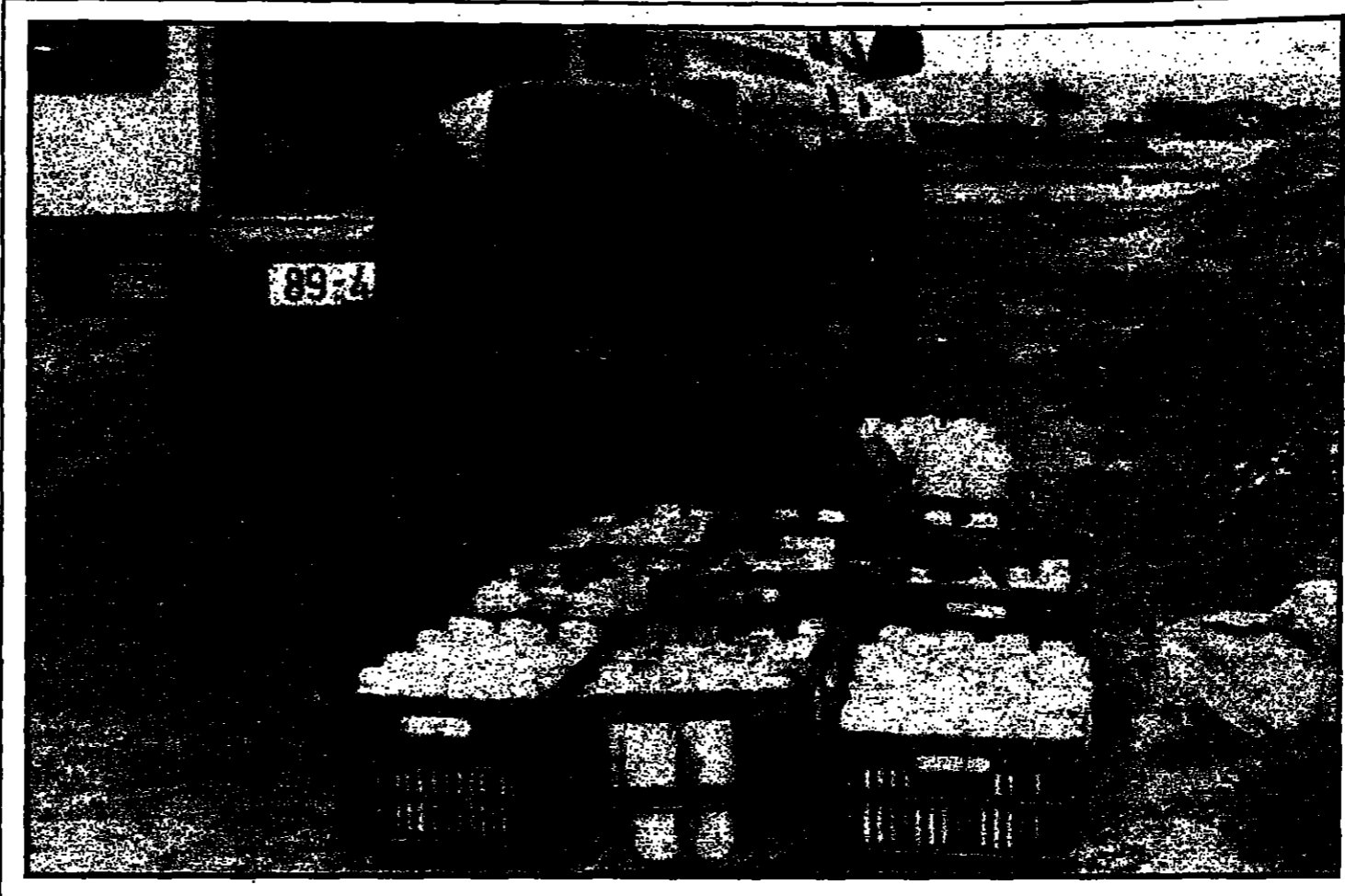
"We are talking about an Arab-Israeli peace, not an Israeli peace, not a peace according to the measurement of the Israeli current policy, and on the basis of principles that have been agreed - land for peace, right for right and obligation for obligation," Moussa said.

Moussa said he did not expect a quick resurrection of the derailed peace process. "Our hopes are that the United States as the sponsor of the peace talks will succeed in getting Israel to stop and roll back on its policy on settlements. But our expectations are not that high," Moussa said.

WEATHER

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| Natifa | 9-17 |
| Tiberias | 7-17 |
| Afula | 6-16 |
| Sameria | 5-13 |
| Tel Aviv | 10-17 |
| Jerusalem | 6-12 |
| Beer Sheva | 8-16 |
| Dead Sea | 12-23 |
| Eilat | 11-24 |

Forecast: Scattered rains in the center and north of the country, strong winds and drop in temperatures. Snow on the Hermon.



Dangerous jetsam
An Environment Ministry worker yesterday collects bottles of poisonous insecticide on Tel Baruch beach near Tel Aviv. Bottles have washed ashore as far north as Rosh Hanikra. (Rozen Angel/Israel Sun)

AROUND THE WORLD

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| Jakarta | 15 | 30 | 10 | Clear |
| London | 01 | 34 | 10 | Clear |
| Los Angeles | 53 | 83 | 25 | Clear |
| Madrid | 01 | 34 | 10 | Clear |

Har Homa petition rejected

The High Court yesterday rejected a petition by developer David Mir against the government's confiscation of the land he owned on Har Homa. It delayed hearing his second petition, that the government be forced to adopt his development plan for the project, until April 20.

Court President Aharon Barak and Justices Eliezer Goldberg and Ya'acov Kedafi did not give the reason for their decision, saying it would be provided at a later date.

Mir owned about a third of the land confiscated for the controversial housing project in southern Jerusalem and had planned to develop the land himself. He invested a considerable amount in drawing up development plans.

His second petition argues that his development plan is better than the Housing Ministry's, and should therefore be adopted by the government. (Tim)

Experts refute water shortage scare

Israel does not face a water shortage, according to experts in the industrial engineering and management faculty at the Technion. They presented the "first-ever" macro-economic look at Israel's water situation yesterday. Prof. Binyamin Bental, who led the study as part of the "Middle East Peace Project" in cooperation with Tel Aviv University, said that during the first decade of the 21st century, Israel's water problem will

be "solved" by desalination and a massive reduction in the amount of water allocated for agriculture. Bental declared that water must be regarded as an economic product with a price, and allocated according to economic principles. Under the macro-economic model, the national economy is viewed as that of a household that functions in a rational way. "The activities of a household are assessed by its willingness to forgo one thing in order to get something else," he said. "It seems that the average household is will-

ing to trade an increase in locally grown agricultural products, which require additional water, for home and urban water use." He added that the price of water for agricultural use is very low, encouraging waste. He set the true economic price of a cubic meter of water is 3.55; the same amount of desalinated water is worth 8.80. Industry will be an important customer for desalinated water, as it will be preferable than tap water which may have the wrong minerals and chemicals, Bental said.

Oman refuses visas to Israeli diplomats

MUSCAT (Reuters) - Oman has refused to grant visas to two Israeli diplomats and turned down an Israeli request to take part in an exhibition in line with Arab recommendations to stop normalizing ties, an Omani official said yesterday. The official said Oman "did not agree to an Israeli request to take part in a telecommunications exhibition which started in Muscat on Monday, in line with the Arab League recommendations."

He said Oman also "refused to give visas to two Israeli diplomats." He would not elaborate. He said an Israeli request to participate in a book fair in Muscat last month had also been rejected. The Omani moves were the first taken by the Muscat government in reaction to the Arab League recommendations.

Arab foreign ministers had earlier this month recommended that Arab states stop normalizing ties with Israel and instead restore the economic boycott. They also urged closing down Israeli trade missions and withdrawing from multilateral talks on Middle East peace. Oman has not yet asked the Israeli trade offices there to close down as the Arab League recommended.

US judge won't deport Marzook

NEW YORK - Mousa Mohammed Abu Marzook remained jailed in a federal prison in Manhattan yesterday after a federal judge rejected his request to be released or to be deported from the US. US District Judge Denise Cote said since Israel

withdrew a request for the extradition of Abu Marzook, the former leader of the political wing of Hamas, she had no jurisdiction. Abu Marzook, no longer facing extradition, is now being held on immigration charges.

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